

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair to-night and Saturday; south-easterly winds.

A VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.—After the close of yesterday's report of the trial of Paul Blanchard in the U. S. Circuit Court in this city for the murder of Mate Christiansen of the American bark J. H. Ingersoll on the high sea, several members of the crew were put on the stand. Edward Sykes testified that he had heard Blanchard say he would fix the mate, and Louis Larson testified to the same effect. Witness was at the wheel on the night of the murder and heard Blanchard exclaim "That will do you now," after which quiet prevailed until the washing of the deck.

Paul Blanchard was then allowed to testify. He said that he was thirty years old, and had been to sea for ten years. He said he was born in Halifax, N. S., but was a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was on the lookout when the lashing of the pennant guy was carried away. He sang out the fact from the forecastle, but as the man amidships did not hear it he went aft himself and informed the mate. After coming forward he and the mate got into a difficulty, which ended in a fight, in which he was struck by the mate, and in the scuffle which ensued he took the belaying pin from the mate who immediately procured another. He admitted killing the mate with a belaying pin, but denied running after Nicholson with a knife, saying that he and Nicholson threw the body over the side. Nicholson calling the dead man hard names at the time. He struck the mate a deadly blow and he fell to the deck below. Christiansen had called the witness bad names, and he thought he wanted to kill him. On cross examination by Capt. White he said that it was upon the suggestion of Nicholson that he threw the mate's body overboard.

After City Sergeant Lawler, of Norfolk, had testified to the good conduct of the prisoner while confined in his jail, both sides rested the case. The instructions were given to the jury at 6 p. m., and the opening argument was by Capt. White, followed by Mr. Morris in argument for the defense. Capt. White finished the final argument for the prosecution at 7:50, when the case was given to the jury. After being out nearly twenty minutes they returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the prisoner not guilty of murder as charged in the indictment, but guilty of manslaughter." The prisoner was then taken back to jail. The law fixes the punishment of such crimes to confinement not exceeding ten years and a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Judge Hughes this morning sentenced Blanchard to serve seven years in the Columbus, Ohio, penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs and to remain in prison until said fine is paid.

The prisoner was then taken back to the Alexandria city jail, where he will remain until Marshal Hudgins takes him to Columbus, which it is expected will be in a few days.

While waiting to be carried back to jail Blanchard conversed freely with several gentlemen and gave an account of the killing.

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STORM IN FAIRFAX.—Mention of the severe storms in Fairfax on Wednesday was made in the GAZETTE yesterday. The storm swept over the country from Carlin Springs, to Fairfax Courthouse, being confined to a rather narrow path, like the western tornadoes, and left destruction in its wake. So great was the down-fall of water from the cloud-burst that country streams which were only from one to two feet deep in the morning became swollen torrents in the evening, their waters being from ten to twelve feet in depth. Several freshets resulted, and yesterday many farmers were unable to ford the streams to bring their produce to this city. It is reported that many thousand dollars damage was inflicted in Fairfax county by the big storm. Up to last night several accidents but no fatalities had been reported. The house of Luke McIntosh, near Lincolnville, was struck on its gable end by a thunder-bolt and that side of the building and the roof wrecked. A large barn belonging to Joshua Kirby, who lives on the Lewisville road, near Falls Church, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Two horses were burned. The loss to Mr. Kirby is quite heavy, as the barn was stored with hay and grain. It was partially insured.

RAILROAD READING ROOMS.—The concert given last night for the benefit of the Railroad Reading Rooms, in this city, was a success in every particular, and much credit is due those who had the entertainment in charge for the manner in which it was given. The numbers on the programme were well rendered and much enjoyed by the large audience present. The first number on the programme was a comic solo by Miss Rathbone, which received continued applause. "The Holy City," by Mrs. Harry Lee, was sung in a sweet pathetic tone and elicited much applause. The vocal solo by Mr. Wm. L. Hoy, "A Dream of Paradise," was very much enjoyed. The male quartette and the Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club rendered several beautiful selections. The vocal duet by the Misses Taylor, of Washington, was highly appreciated. This number of the programme added much to the evening's entertainment, the voices of the young ladies blending so sweetly that they were encored several times. The vocal solo by Mr. Kennedy and also the vocal duet by Messrs. Dempsey and Kennedy were well rendered. The comic singing by Mr. Morris, of Washington, kept the audience in continuous laughter. After the rendition of the programme the audience was served with ice cream and cake.

PERSONAL.—Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Brown have gone to Capon Springs to spend a few weeks.

Mr. Albert Laycock continues extremely ill at his residence on Wolfe street.

Miss Mary Taylor has gone to Atlantic City to spend a few weeks.

A letter received here to-day from Cincinnati states that Mrs. Zora Hill, who has been quite sick there, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Maurice Wilkins has returned from Atlantic City and expects to spend the next week in Warrenton.

Congressman Hurley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in the city yesterday, the guest of Miss Viah Baggett.

Mr. W. F. Padgett accidentally fell on King street yesterday evening and sustained a painful cut on his head.

Mr. B. H. Moore, agent in this city of the Adams Express Company, is seriously ill. Mrs. E. F. Eldridge with her father and two children have gone to the Blue Ridge for the summer.

Misses Mary E. and Annie V. Williamson have gone to Salem, Roanoke county, to spend the rest of the summer.

Miss Edith Goodhand, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving.

U. S. COURT.—Judge R. W. Hughes presiding. Emma Price vs. Fidelity Building, Loan and Investment Association; order making allowance to L. C. Barley, receiver.

Geo. W. Leach vs. Fidelity Building and Loan Association; receiver authorized to release certain property to Peter Brown.

U. S. vs. Paul Blanchard, indicted for murder on the high sea; jury and verdict of manslaughter and prisoner sentenced to serve seven years in the Columbus, Ohio, penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs.

An order was entered for the payment of costs of witnesses in the Blanchard case while they were held in custody. Court adjourned for the term.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.—Uniform examinations for county and city certificates for public school teachers will be held by county and city superintendents as follows: For white teachers, Tuesday, August 3rd, and Wednesday, August 4th. For colored teachers, Thursday, August 5th, and Friday, August 6th.

The M. Schuler Beef Company will have for sale to-morrow a full supply of fresh near-by country vegetables and Georgia watermelons on ice and Cornish cantaloupes; also a large supply of spring chickens and home-killed beef, spring lamb, veal, etc.

Try Janney's Pineapple Glaze, 5c, a glass. Made from fresh fruit. 701 King street corner Washington.

CRUSHED COKE, a cheap summer fuel, at J. B. ZIMMERMAN'S.

SUMMER RESORTS.
Visitors to Virginia Beach
Can find excellent accommodation at moderate rates at first house north of depot. Large airy rooms for families. All facing the sea! Good cooking and liberal table. Address: Mrs. SEE, Box 123 Virginia Beach, Va. j77 1w

HOTEL BELLE VUE, CHAPEL POINT, MD.
Opened on the 26th day of June. Everything first class and up to date.
C. H. POSEY, Proprietor.
For terms, etc., apply to
A. B. BATEMAN,
General Manager, Chapel Point, Md. je28 so1m

LOST.
On Royal street, between Joseph Beach's office and Cameron street, a POCKETBOOK containing a small amount of money and papers which are of no value to anyone but the owner. A liberal reward will be paid if returned to 413 north Washington street. j77 3t

WANTED.
A WHITE WOMAN to go to the country. Satisfactory wages and a good home will be given a proper person. Apply at this office. j57

ROGER & GALLETT'S, E. Pineau's, Coudray's and Lubin's Toilet and Satchel Powders, Triple Extracts, Cosmetics, Toilet Waters, etc., for sale by
E. S. LEADBEATER & SONS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Fred Driver, a colored boy, was drowned at the Washington bathing beach this morning.

Several candidates will be initiated at the meeting of Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, to-night.

Officers Beach and Sherwood this evening arrested a young man named Edward Beavers who was wanted in Washington for stealing a bicycle.

Mattie Jones, colored, fell from a street car in Washington on Wednesday and broke her right arm. She was brought to her home in this city, where she received surgical attention.

As stated yesterday, the National Bank of the Republic of Washington, a controlling interest in which was recently secured by Messrs. W. Woodward and E. Southard Parker, who also purchased the majority of stock in the Metropolitan National Bank, is soon to close its doors. The old bank building at the corner of Seventh and D streets will be disposed of, together with the other assets of the institution. It is probable that a large share of the business of the bank will be transferred to the Metropolitan National Bank, Messrs Woodward and Parker's other banking institution.

The action of the Police Commissioners last night in making changes in the police regulations, it is said by many, will have the effect of largely increasing the number of applications for positions on the police force and make these positions very desirable. Under the new rules the men's vacation is extended from seven to ten days; they will have every third day off and will go in pairs on their night beats. It is probable that there will be five men on duty on the streets during the day and ten at night.

At River View yesterday the Shamrocks of Washington defeated the Y. M. S. L. baseball nine of this city by a score of 19 to 5.

Try Janney's pure Ice Cream Soda.

5c, a glass, 701 King street corner Washington.

[COMMUNICATED.]

STRANGERS as well as residents notice the empty local electric car daily traversing the main thoroughfare of this city and ask the question why it lacks patronage. The very plausible answer is generally given that the would-be patrons are unwilling to pay the exorbitant price of five cents for such short distances as have to be made. If the full extent of the city limits were travelled it would be then less than a mile. A specific remedy is suggested. Let the car company issue tickets in blocks of ten for twenty-five cents good only on this local car. Then we imagine that the managers would find no need of policemen to ride for the sole purpose of regulating the hazardous traffic, at the same time it would give accommodation to church goers, market patrons, travelers and the community at large, and be no additional expense to the car service, with all probability of an increase of fare receipts for the benefit of the company.

[COMMUNICATED.]

If the Columbia Company has \$500 to risk on the "Champion," it was not necessary for Messrs. Wood and Entwistle to go to Winchester to challenge the winner of the contest there; they will give them a chance to dangle another scalp from their belt if they mean business.

HYDRAULIC.

Alfred E. Gallagher drank the greater part of the contents of a two-ounce vial of morphine just before starting on a trip to Great Falls on the electric cars, in Washington, yesterday afternoon, and lost consciousness when the train reached Cabin John Bridge. He was removed to the hotel, and died in a short time. From the statement of Walter C. Thomas, of Baltimore, a friend of Gallagher, who accompanied him on the trip, it seems that the young man took the poison with suicidal intent, while suffering from an attack of the "blues."

The Virginia Law Register for July has been received from the publishers, the J. P. Bell Company, Lynchburg. Its contents are: The Pool and the Trust, a review of U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Association; U. S. Supreme Court Decisions, reported in full—Mayor etc. of Baltimore vs. Baltimore Trust etc. Co. and Sontell v. New Orleans etc. B. Co.; Virginia Decisions, reported in full: Field v. Van Wyck, Western Union Tel. Co. v. Giddin, and Morris v. Deane; Miscellaneous Notes—Teaching Practice in Law Schools, Reorganization of the Law School of Washington and Lee University, The Virginia State Bar Association, Ninety-third Virginia Courts, Public Defenders, We of the Virginia Law Schools, Special Legislation in Virginia, and Charging the Jury; Correspondence and Book Reviews.

McClure's Magazine for July has been received from its publishers in New York. Its contents are: Portrait of Professor Henry Drummond, The Smallest Republic in the World, The Grindstone Question, Prof. Henry Drummond, The Two Barks, The Log of the "Mayflower," The Adventures of a French Prisoner in England, Andrew Jackson, Grant in a Great Campaign, and Uncle John and the Rubies.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business has been quiet during the week. The receipts of new wheat are increasing, but prices are low. Money still scarce, but rates here are unchanged. In New York yesterday money on call was easy at 1 1/4 per cent, last loan 1 1/4, closed at 1 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3/4 per cent. In Baltimore money has ruled easy and quiet, with call rates quoted at 3/4 per cent, and bank accommodations and discounts at 4 1/2 per cent. But little is doing in local shares.

New York, July 9.—The stock market opened heavy and lower on a renewal of yesterday's selling movement but general recoveries ensued on the development of a brisk buying movement.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN ALEXANDRIA

Flour Extra.....	3 25	3 75
Family.....	4 35	4 60
Fancy brands.....	5 00	5 25
Wheat, longberry.....	0 66	0 68
Fruits.....	0 66	0 68
Mixed.....	0 66	0 68
Fair.....	0 58	0 63
Damp and tough.....	0 45	0 55
Corn, white.....	0 34	0 35
Yellow.....	0 34	0 35
Corn Meal.....	0 34	0 36
Oats.....	0 27	0 30
Oats, mixed.....	0 25	0 26
Damp.....	0 20	0 22
White.....	0 26	0 27
Butter, Virginia, packed.....	0 8	0 10
Choice Virginia.....	0 12	0 15
Common to middling.....	0 7	0 8
Eggs.....	0 10	0 11
Beef, hind quarters.....	0 7	0 9
Fore quarters.....	0 4	0 5
Live Chickens (hens).....	0 7	0 8
Spring duce.....	0 12	0 13
Potatoes, Va. bush, large.....	0 45	0 60
Small Potatoes.....	1 00	1 50
Dried Peaches, peeled.....	0 5	0 6
Unpeeled.....	0 3	0 4
Dried Cherries.....	0 8	0 10½
Dried Apples.....	0 1½	0 2½
Racon, country hams.....	0 11	0 11
Best sugar-cured hams.....	0 10½	0 11
Smoked hams.....	0 10½	0 11
Breakfast Bacon.....	0 7	0 8½
Sugar-cured shoulders.....	0 6¼	0 6½
Bulk shoulders.....	0 5¼	0 5½
Dry Salt sides.....	0 5¼	0 5½
Bat backs.....	0 4¼	0 5¼
Bellies.....	0 5¼	0 6
Smoked shoulders.....	0 5½	0 6
Smoked sides.....	0 5	0 5½
Lard.....	0 6	0 6½
Smoked Beef.....	0 11½	0 12½
Sugars—Brown.....	3 79	4 22
Off A.....	4 4	4 60
Conf. standard A.....	4 72½	4 95
Off B.....	4 0	4 40
Do—C.....	0 12½	0 17
LaGuayra.....	0 16	0 18
Java.....	0 26	0 28
Molasses B. S.....	0 9	0 14
N. Orleans.....	0 17	0 22
Porto Rico.....	0 20	0 25
Corn Syrup.....	0 11	0 22
Merrfing, Eastern per bbl.....	4 00	5 50
Potomac No. 1.....	2 25	2 50
Potomac family rice.....	3 50	4 00
Do. half barrel.....	1 75	2 00
Do. whole barrel.....	7 00	8 00
Factorial, small, per bbl.....	8 00	10 00
No 3 medium.....	10 00	12 00
No 3 large fat.....	12 00	14 00
No 2.....	14 00	16 00
Master, ground, per ton.....	4 00	4 50
Ground in bags.....	4 50	5 00
Do. in bags.....	3 00	3 50
Do. in bags.....	5 25	5 50
Timothy.....	1 50	1 75
Old process Linseed Meal.....	31 00	32 00
Salt—G. A.....	0 45	0 50
Fine.....	0 80	1 25
Turk's Island.....	0 70	0 15
Washed, unwashed.....	0 15	0 17
Washed.....	0 20	0 22
Marino, unwashed.....	0 11	0 12
Do. washed.....	0 18	0 20
Umac.....	0 65	0 70½
Hay.....	10 00	12 00
Do.....	15 50	16 00
Chat Bran per ton.....	12 00	13 00
White Middings.....	14 00	15 00
White Middings.....	14 00	15 00
White Middings.....	21 00	22 50
Do.....	6 50	7 00
Fullton Seed Mixed Feed.....	12 00	13 00